THE PARADISE FLATS

The Janitor Has More Talk With the Grocer

"I belief maype you vhas on some variations," said the German grocer as the janitor of Paradise Flats showed up the other day for the first time in weeks. "No. I have had no vacation, and I don't expect any," was the reply. "You see, I am a janitor with the sathma, and if my anthms would nearly me to take the janifor of Paradise Plats showed up the other day for the first time in weeks.

"No, I have had no vacation, and I don't expect any," was the reply. "You see, I am a janifor with the satima, and if my asthma would permit me to take a vacation it would permit me to was the windows and sweep the halls. I've got to be consistent about things, you know. I shall take my vacation in an armchair in the basement, and I shall take due care that none of the tenants forget what a fragile physique I've got. You know what physique is, don't you, Mr. Wasserman."

"He vhas somethings to do mit shumping around, maype?"

r around, maype?"
Yes, that's it; and I don't purpose to one around. In the first place, a janitor ould move with dignity when he moves should move with dignity when he moves at all, and in the next it's beneath his position to wrangle about goats, dogs, and children in the balls. It also gives chic to a first to have a janitor around who doesn't sweat his collar on a hot day. I think I know my gait, Mr. Was-serman—I think I know it exactly."
"Well, how whas all dose bad peoples?" asked the grocer after an admiring glunce at the lanitor.

glance at the janitor. "Just the same-no better, no worse. still trying to out-do each other, keeps things lively around the



SOME OF THEM WESS DOUBLED

No, there hasn't been anything of that ort for the last two months. When sort for the last two months. When women quarrel, they try to hurt each other's feelipgs, you know. Up to the last of August the barber's wife and the Countess Divito had Mrs. O'Sullivan crushed to earth, but then she took a rally and is now at the head of the proagain. I gave her the hint my elf, and she ought to be very grateful

"Und how whas it?" asked the grocer. Why, she gave a watermelon party, se barber's wife gave what they call ice cream fing, and the Countess Di-to followed with a banana festival Both were successes, and Mrs. O'Sullivan was feeling tast down when I gave her a hint. Let me tell you, Mr. Wasser-man, that a watermelon party is con-sidered the swaggrest thing on the board for the summer. It's the real chic. man, that a watermelon party is considered the swaggerest thing on the board for the summer. It's the real chic. "Und she must go right on?"

"In afraid not, Mr. Wasserman."

"Und she must go right on?"

"It looks that way."

"Vhell, it was awful, und I don't like in the strength of th esary pointers, and the affair was a vhen I sells two cans of peaches for endous success all around." / 25 cents!"

had collars on. An accordion furnished delightful strains, and all the gas globes were covered with red paper."
"Und it whas some success?" "Und it vias some success"
"It was, in two ways. In the first place, the gathering was all it could be hoped to be, and in the next, not a person gave himself away. You see, every one of those melons was as green as grass, and the claret soured them till they were like pickles. Mrs. O'Sullivan went as white as chalk when the first melon was cut and found to be as hard as a rock and as tasteless as an old shoe, but the guests came to her rescue in a way that would melt your heart. Swagger is as swagger does, Mr. Wasserman."
"But whas some green melon swagger."

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Mr. Sprockett?" asked the grocer.
"Not exactly, but what did those swagger people do when they found them green? Just turned right in and devoured the whole six, just to save the feelings of the hostess. Yen, sir, the melons were cut up and passed around, and everybody ate and smacked his lips and said he had never tasted anything so good. It cook them an hour to dever these melons. took them an nour to nown those mesons, but they left nothing but the rinds. If they had been stuffed with cotton, it would have been the same. Swell so-ciety never makes any blunders, Mr.

or money, but I'm teiling away for love or money, but I'm teiling you that every one of those forty guests had colic to beat the band before the last melon was down. They grew pule and twitched and shuddered and wiggled around, but not one of them let out a hint of what was

coile."

"Und did dey suffer?"

"You bet they did. Some of them were almost tied up in knots with the pains, but they laughed and smiled most of the time. The party broke up early, but nobody mentioned coile. They had all sorts of excuses, and some of them were doubled up as they went out, but were game to the last. They went out saying what a luscious thing a watermelon is, and neither the barber's wife or the countess caught on to the thing. That party almost broke their hearts, and they haven't been out of the house for the last two days."

"Und vhill somet'ings more happen?"

"Oh, of course. Mrs. Tarrington is goong to give a 'possum bake early next month, and the countess will follow with a candy pull and pop-corn festival. You may crush a woman for a day or two, I am not in the healt of taking to the

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may crush a woman for a day or but she won't stay crushed."
"Can't nobody do somet'ings?" asked the grocer as he put two cucumbers in a

A BLIND MAN'S FIGHT

Without doubt the most singular duel; was ready to fly at the other's throat on that ever took place in the United States the smallest provocation the case be-

POOR BOWSER GETS HIS

Mrs. Bowser In a Diplomatic Way Attends to His Case



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"But one time I eat a green watermelon und haf colle."

"That's another point, Mr. Wasserman between the stentest point of all," said the janitor in a whisper.

"Don't you give the thing away for love or money, but I'm teiling you that every one of those forty guests had colic to beat the band before the last melon was down. They grew pale and twitched and shuddered and wiggled around, but not one of them let gut a hint of what was the matter. Swagger society never gives itself away, not even when it has the colic."

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with you wide.

"Speaking right to you, Mr. Bowser! I am not in the habit of taiking to the walls or the furniture. Please sit down while I talk to you."

"Woman-do-do-"

"That's all right, Mr. Bowser-sit down, Now, then, there are no leaks in the roof of this house. If there are, then you caused them by going up and cutting through the tin with an ax. Not a pane of glass is broken; not a door knob off; not a piece of furniture out of repair except that chair. Something went wrong with you today, but you must either change your tune at once or put on your hat and take a walk!"

"Wh-what! You taik that way to meto your husband!" howled Mr. Bowser, as he leaped to his feet and his hair stood up.

"Be calm," she replied. "A wife has all the rights a husband has in this coun-

"I want some money for a new hat, leave you, and should any one call and gloves and hosiery, and I want it right ask for me you can say I'm very, very away. I asked you last week, and you busy. Good-night, Mr. Bowser—see you said you were hard up, though you in the morning:"

for one hour by the watch before I give him the grand finish! The crowd that looks on will see some of the finest knife-play even shown on this side the river. Tomorrow at noon, ch? I occurred at Santa Fe, N. M., thirty-five came serious. They were not only good will be as prompt as the sun!"

while yet every pound of goods going to men, and if they came together nothing ment. It was generally believed that the the far West had to be hauled across was surer than that one would be killed. the great plains by freight wagons or The affair had gone on for seven or even his best friends said that he had sent around Cape Horn by sea. Two men in a Rogers & Blair outfit We were in Santa Fe, making ready for to live in a helpiess state the rest of

Some people whas born dot way und can't holy it. Last week my britisher to see a control of the seek at a diliner, and I noticed you making up a steak, M. Bower, and the coffee was ease, M. Bower, and the coffee was ease and control has ease of the coffee was ease and control has ease of the coffee was ease and control has ease of the for you to see a mander illustration of the coffee was ease and control has ease of the waste of the coffee was ease of the waste of the coffee wast

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Nopody can depend upon der pooblic. When I whas an honest aldermans, eaferybody believes I whas dishonest und malte ten t'ousand dollars out of some shobs. When I goes to der legislature und makes \$20,000 in one day, der people hurrahed for me iind called me "Dot Honest Dootchmans."

I goes to a cobbler for a lift on my heel, und he charges me a quarter. I goes by a saloon for a drink, and I whas lifted out of der place for nottings. You can alwhays find some cheapness if you look for him.

Der world whas growing better all der time, but you whill see ten men at a dog fight where you whill find one at a Sunday school excursion. We haven't alwhays time to go on an excursions, but we have to step around der corner.

My naybur on der right has seven kids, und der one on der left has eight. Vhen dey get to fighting and rolling on der grass I feel dat I ought to have one of my own to even up der number und

I whas telling Schmidt der odder day dat innocence would alvhays protect it-self, an half an hour later a fakir sells me a gold mine for 20 cents dot vhasn't worth but ten. Being thnocent and being half-fool whas about der same thing.

my money. I don't have any but vhas willing to gif him my note of hand for ninety days, but he gets mad and breaks my head open. Vhen I tells Rodecker about it he says:

"You vhas one big fool! He vhas a little man, und vhy don't you hold him opp?"

"Vhat you talk about mit Mrs. Brown?"



ometing for nottings. He finally tved. It whas der small pox he se, und my doctor's bill whas \$60

it whas wise to study economy, but I am wondering if my neighbor whas not carrying it to extremes. He figures dot it costs him six cents a day to support his dog, und dot der tall took a cent of dot sum. He therefore had der tall chopped off. It may occur to him to knock out his wife's teeth, und there ways as mooch as feetiern cent a day.

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Things do even oop all righ once in awhile. My good frendt Bloomberg buys oop all der eggs for feefty miles around und raises der price to forty cents a dosen. In about a week he comes down mit der small-pox. As he has all der eggs, so he vhas der only one to catch and haf der disease. Vhat he makes on eggs he loses on doctars.

Vhen I vhas elected some aldermans, a frendt comes to me und says:

"How vhas it to be mit you old mans?"

"I shall be honest," I says.

JOLLY JACK SHARK

years ago. It was several years pre-men for the outfit, each earning the high-vious to the first Pacific railroad and est wages paid, but they were game spread about there was great excite-

No one has yet been able to make out | The whale when left at peace in his why the whale was built on the large native element is good-natured, obliging and liberal plans of a two million dollar and seldom out of temper. He knows city hall, but we must take him as we find him and look with wonder and armanement at his vast proportions. He amazement at his vast proportions. He out of his dignity. He just goes swim-

Of all the inhabitants of the sea If the shark of today attains the size known to man the shark is the only and length of a saw log, he goes along

one that won't hold still to have his the coast and shows himself off to sumback scratched with a corncob. He re- mer visitors as a big thing, but he would fuses to have anything to do with man have been small potatoes during the preexcept to eat him and therefore no one historic age. At that time nature was

Interesting Tales About Whales and Sharks

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YOUTH'S NATURAL HISTORY

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